पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) केवल पटपरा जलाशय में जल भण्डारण पर वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 के उपबंधों के तहत प्रतिबंध लगाया गया है ।

(ख) जलाशय की सिंचाई क्षमता 405 हैक्टेयर है ।

(ग) और (घ) जलाशय में शामिल करने के लिए कुल 43.3 हैक्टेयर वन क्षत्र की आवश्यकता है, जिनमें 9331 वृक्ष लग हैं, जबकि जलाशय की सिंचाई क्षमता 405 हैक्टयर है ।

Regional museum of natural hinstory at Bhubaneswar

2802. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to set up a regional museum of natural history at Bhubaneswar in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in setting up the museum; and

(c) the steps taken to expedited the setting up of the museum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is still under consideration.

Projects of Madhya Pradesh pertaining to environment

2803. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of projects received from Madhya Pradesh pertaining to environment and forests, pending sanction with Central Government;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in sanction and whether the Government have received replies to its queries from the State Government within the stipulated period; and

(c) whether the Central Government propose to empower the State Government to utilise the forest land for the minor works like construction of schools, panchayat office, dispensaries, approach roads and irrigation reservoirs etc, in the Adivasi and other regions having dominant Harijan and backward population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) 70 proposals under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and four proposals for clearance from environmental angle are pending in this Ministry as on 30-11-91.

(b) The main reasons for delay in taking final decision in respect of proposals received under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is non-receipt of essential wanting details from the State/UT. Governments within the stipulated period.

(c) No, Sir.

Vast tracts of land under the 'Zudpi Jungle'

2804. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided that the vast tracts of land under the 'Zudpi Jungle' category in Maharashtra would be handed over to the land banks of Government of Maharashtra so that they may utilise such lands as per their requirements;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether a large number of irrigation projects in Vidarbha which are still pending environmental clearance would now get clearance; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?